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**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 09/042,583; Filed: March 17, 1998  
For: **Death Domain Containing Receptor 5**  
Inventors: Ni *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1488.1310002/EKS/EJH

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Statement Concerning the Deposited cDNA Clone; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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